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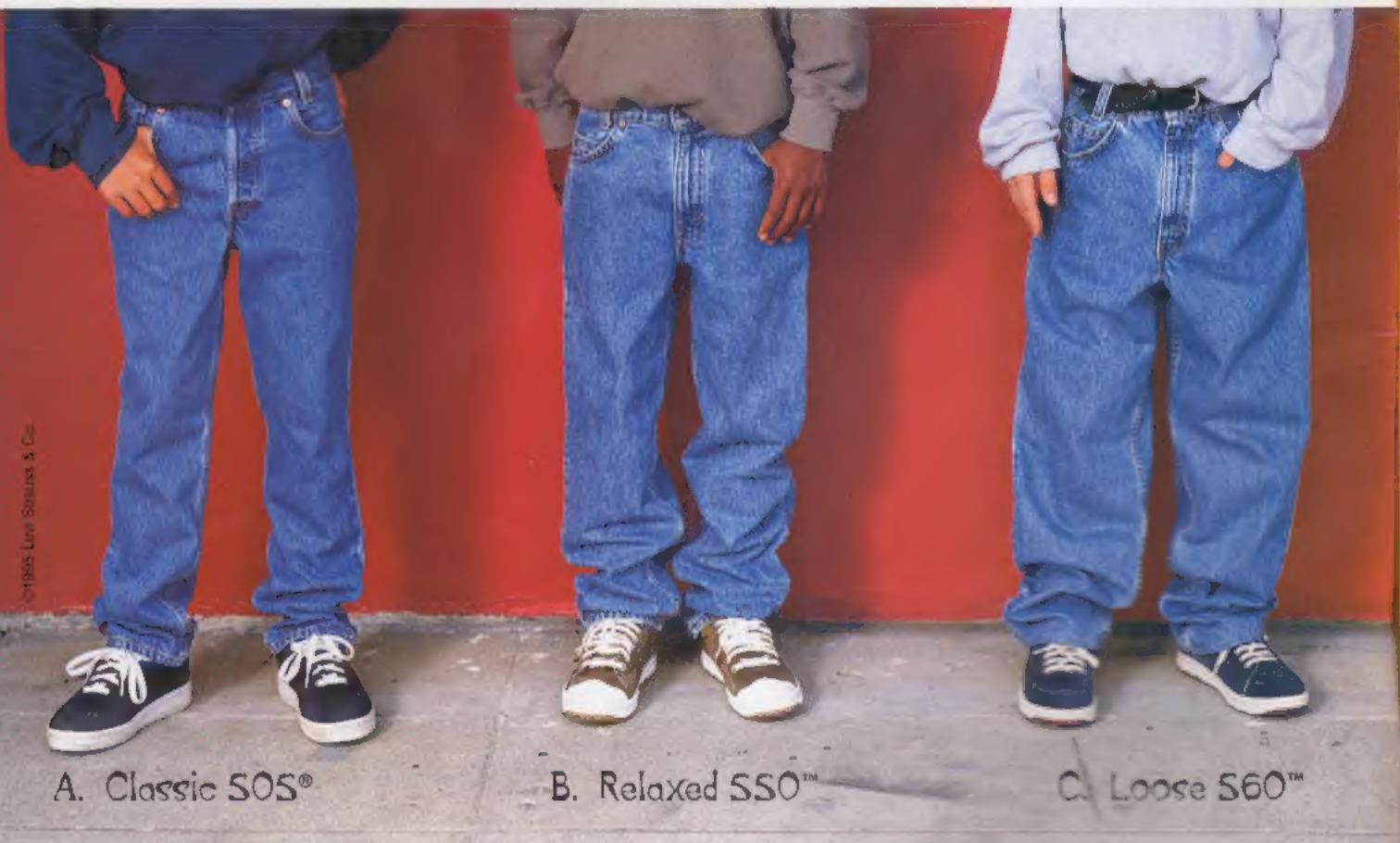


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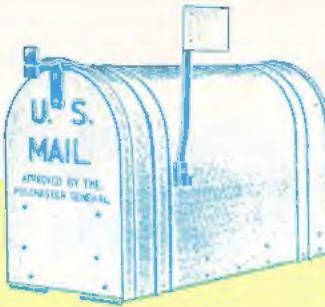


I'm Zelde, the magazine's roving reporter. Look for me and my biting wit throughout the issue.

Attention

When you see this  it means the story is based on fact. **IT IS REAL.** We didn't make it up. The stories that don't have an  are just products of our overactive imaginations.

Letters TO THE EDITORS



Dear Nick Mag,
In your August 1995 issue, on your list of Record-Setting Rooms, you forgot to include the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan. It has the longest front porch in the world!

Michelle E., age 11
Irving, Texas

Dear Michelle,
It's grand of you to tell us about it.

Dear Nick Mag,
Why did you move from the 50th floor to the 41st?

Jennifer M., age 11
Monticello, Iowa

Dear Jennifer,
A 500-pound gorilla wanted our seats.

Dear Nick Mag,
I really want to be in your magazine. I'm willing to do just about anything, even travel to Australia!

Emily P., age 11
Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania

Dear Emily,
You can quit packing—you've made it!

Dear Nick Mag,
I think you should make a Nick show that stars Zelda Van Gutters. I'll even write it, no extra charge!

Beth H., age 12
Dallas, Texas

Dear Beth,
What do you mean by "no extra charge?" Have we been paying you for something?

Dear Nick Mag,
Do you read all the entries for your "Say What?" How many entries do you get on average?

Amanda S., age 12
York, Pennsylvania

Dear Amanda,
We get an average of 3,500 "Say What?" entries per issue, and we read every one. A lot of them use the names John and Marsha. We don't know why. Do you?

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Please include your name, address, age, and telephone number.

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whatever *We* want

Our spooky section begins on page 7 with our screamingly funny joke page. ENTER-IF YOU DARE.

Know Your Creeps ^R

Do you know your goblins from your gremlins, and your ghouls from your gnomes? Prove it by matching the creepy creature on the left with its description on the right.

| | |
|-------------|---|
| 1. Ghoul | a. ugly, evil elf |
| 2. Goblin | b. spirit that haunts houses |
| 3. Gremlin | c. one of three sisters in Greek mythology who have snakes for hair, and glaring eyes that can turn people into stone |
| 4. Gargoyle | d. dwarf who guards underground treasure |
| 5. Gorgon | e. creature that causes mechanical trouble, especially on airplanes |
| 6. Gnome | f. a grotesquely carved figure |
| 7. Ghost | g. grave-robbing demon |

Answers on page 59.



A mischievous fellow from the movie *Gremlins 2*



Tricky-Treaty Candy Getters

If you're tired of repeating the same old, "Trick or treat/Smell my feet/Give me something good to eat" at every house, try these new rhymes.

Trick or treat
You look sweet
Give me candy or you I'll eat.

Trick or treat
Smell my toes
In my bag the candy goes.

Trick or treat
Smell my shoe
Hand me snacks when I say, "boo!"

Trick or treat
Smell my socks
Give me sweets, don't give me rocks.



Trick or treat
Smell my pinkie
Chocolate bars should not be dinky.

Trick or treat
Smell my hair
Come on out, I know you're there!

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How Ben got from Quik to Nick!



Hi, I'm Ben DeVoe, and my amazing rise to fame started when I saw this Quik ad in NICKELODEON MAGAZINE.

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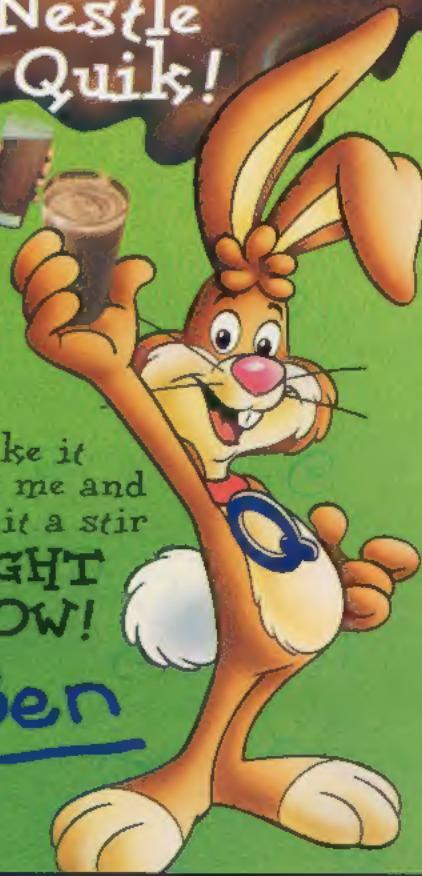
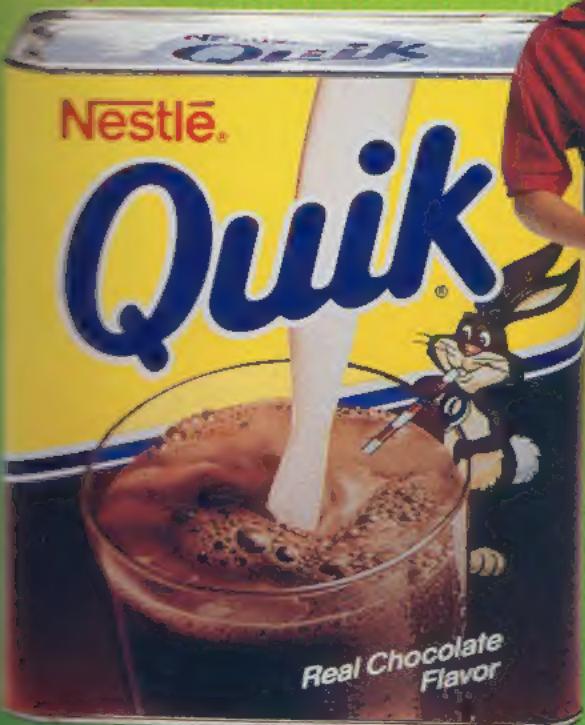
It said all I had to do to be in my own Nestle Quik ad was stir up some chocolatey Quik...

Take a drink with a straw and drop a Quik Splat right on the entry form. Just like these...



And I got picked! Now I'm even good buds with the Quik Bunny... very cool!

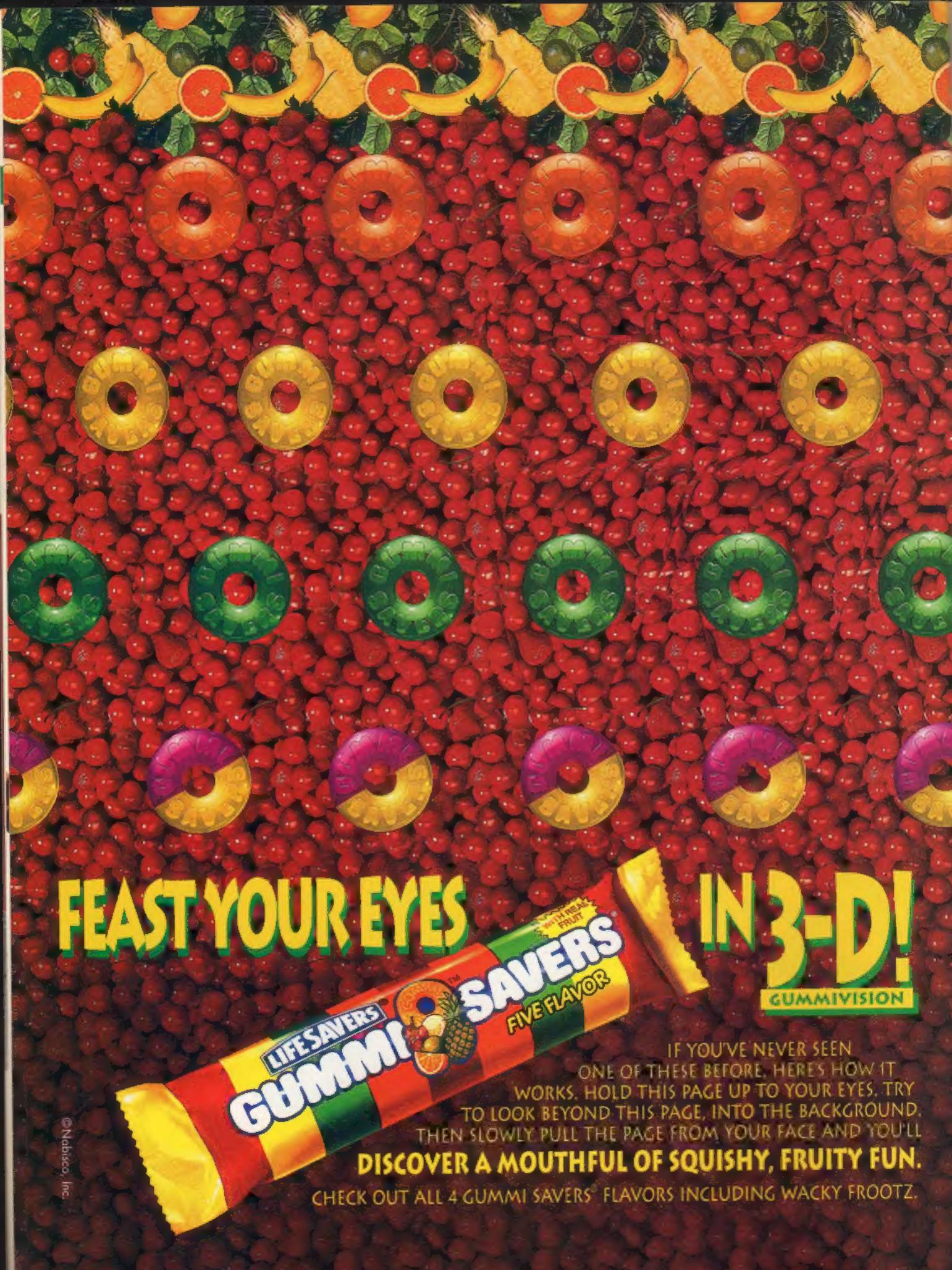
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Ben



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FEAST YOUR EYES



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IF YOU'VE NEVER SEEN
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WORKS. HOLD THIS PAGE UP TO YOUR EYES. TRY
TO LOOK BEYOND THIS PAGE, INTO THE BACKGROUND.
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DISCOVER A MOUTHFUL OF SQUISHY, FRUITY FUN.
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The Joke Page

by David Lewman

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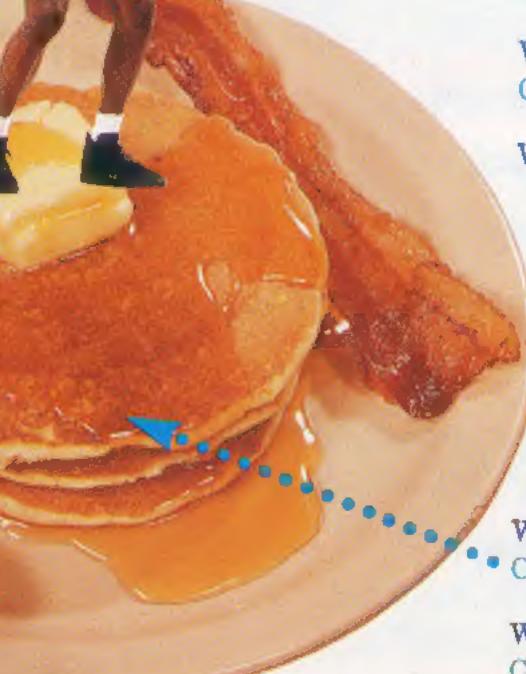
Who wears a mask and haunts talk shows?
The Phantom of the Oprah.

Who's the Vice President of pumpkins?
Al Gourd.

Why do witches ride brooms?
Because they can't find extension cords that are long enough for their vacuum cleaners.



Shaq's no short stack!



Go, go, go, ghosts!

Where do ghosts leave each other notes?
On the BOO-llelin board.

What game do ghosts love to play?
Hide-and-shriek.

What were the ghosts doing at the prom?
Dancing sheet to sheet.

What did the little boy ghost eventually become?
A groan man.

Funny Bones

Why was the skeleton constantly arguing?
Because he always had a bone to pick with someone.

Why was the skeleton late to school?
Because her dog kept burying her.

What do you call a skeleton who just got back from the dentist?
A numbskull.

Draculator, Alligator

What did Count Dracula say to the cow?
"I want to suck your cud!"

Which vampire is the best at basketball?
Count Shaqula.

Which vampire feels at home in the water?
Count Quackula.

Which vampire is the loudest kisser?
Count Smackula.

Which vampire carries the most books home from the library?
Count Backpackula.

Which vampire likes to paddle around the lakes of Transylvania?
Count Kayakula.

Which vampire loves pancakes?
Count Flapjackula.

Which vampire is the class clown?
Count Wisecrackula.



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Mummies!

On Halloween, you might see a few mummies wandering in your neighborhood. But if you want to find millions of mummies, go to Egypt.



For about three thousand years, from 2600 B.C. to the late 300s A.D., nearly every person in Egypt was mummified. Baboons, birds, mice, snakes, crocodiles, and grasshoppers were mummified, too. The ancient Egyptians made so many mummies that in the late 1800s, they were burned as train fuel and used for fertilizer.

Mummy-Making 101

A mummy is a dead body that is specially preserved. Conserving the body was important to ancient Egyptians because they believed the souls of dead people used their bodies in the afterworld. The first Egyptian mummies were made naturally, when sun and desert air combined to dry out bodies buried in the sand. Later, Egyptians found a way to mummify bodies using natural substances before burying them. These are called artificial mummies.

The mummy of Ramses II, Egyptian King (1292-1225 B.C.). In circle, Ramses close up. Peppercorns were packed in his nose to keep its shape.

Pass The Salt!

It took 70 days to make an artificial human mummy. First, embalmers (the people who made mummies) removed the lungs, stomach, liver, and intestines, and placed them in jars. These jars were later buried with the mummy. Then the brain was removed and thrown away. (Ancient Egyptians thought the heart was the seat of knowledge, so it was often left in the body.) For the next step, natron (a type of salt) was poured over the corpse. Natron helped remove all the water from the body. After that, strips of linen were wrapped around the body, followed by bed-size sheets. Finally, the mummy was placed in a sarcophagus (a stone coffin), and put in a tomb.

HUNTING MUMMIES

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Egyptologists are people who specialize in ancient Egypt, so they're experts on mummies. We spoke with Egyptologist Dr. Emily Teeter (below), Assistant Curator of the Oriental Institute Museum at the University of Chicago.

Nickelodeon Magazine: Are you scared of mummies?

Emily Teeter: No. We have some in our storage space in the basement, and I go down and talk to them, even the ones that are unwrapped.

NM: What's scarred you?

ET: I don't like going down into the deep dark tombs, especially the one of Queen Hatshepsut in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt. I'm ashamed to say that I chickened out. The path into it is very steep and it doesn't have stairs. It's just an incline. As I went down, the ground was crumbling and rocks were falling from above. There was dust so I couldn't see, and bats were flying around. Some tombs can be very dangerous.

NM: Is there a curse on King Tut's tomb?

ET: There is no curse on King Tut's tomb. However, there are curses on some tombs. They aren't very common. You'll see written on the side of a tomb wall something like, "Anybody who violates this tomb, he shall be seized by the neck like a bird." But these were just to scare away robbers. You won't die. The stuff in the movies about people dying because they opened up King Tut's tomb is made up by Hollywood.

NM: What is the coolest thing you have ever found?

ET: In a crate in the basement of the Oriental Institute Museum, I found a beautiful statue that was once covered in gold. I was able to identify it as a statue of Amunhotep, son of Hapu, one of the most famous doctors in Ancient Egypt.



(Top): The Pyramid of Giza
(Middle): The Great Sphinx, guarding the royal pyramids at Giza
(Bottom): Dr. Teeter and a temple guard in Luxor

NM: What's a favorite hobby like?

ET: "Why would a mummy never take a vacation?"

NM: Why?

ET: "Because he might relax and unwind."

Hey, Mummy, is that my lunch?



Some facts about mummies

- Mummies were sometimes found with extra bones, which turned out to be the remains of the embalmers' lunches.
- The word mummy comes from the Arabic word for bitumen, *mummiya*. Bitumen is a kind of black tar that was used to cover many mummies in Egypt.
- Since mummies are mostly just skin and bones, they are very light. A five-foot-tall wrapped mummy weighs only about 30 pounds.

- The oldest known mummy was found in Egypt. He is 5,000 years old, and still has toenails, fingernails, and red hair.
- The ancient Egyptians experimented with other methods of mummification. Alexander the Great, who died far from his home, was preserved in honey until he could be brought back to Alexandria, Egypt, to be buried.
- In just one cemetery in Egypt, four million bird mummies were dug up.

- King Ramses II's mummy was sent to France in 1977 to treat its beetle infestation. The passport for the mummy listed the occupation as "King-deceased."
- King Psusennes' mummy wore 22 bangles on his arms, and 27 rings on his fingers and thumbs.
- Natural and artificial mummies have been found in Australia, Denmark, Japan, New Guinea, Peru, and Syria.

And I dug
up 3,998,847
of them.

A sarcophagus that used to hold a mummy

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Is Your House

Haunted?

Everybody thinks a haunted house looks like the one below. But maybe ghosts prefer something simpler and more inviting. Like *your* house, for instance. To find out if your home is haunted, try our Haunted House Checklist. Put a check next to each sentence that's true for your house.



- The dog runs around in circles, or the cat chases objects you can't see.
- Weird smells come from the bathroom.
- The time keeps flashing on the VCR.
- An eerie grayish-green ring appears on the inside of the bathtub.
- Bread sometimes pops up from the toaster before it's done.
- Your neighbors are strange.
- Running water gets hotter and colder even though nobody is turning the knobs.
- Mail comes to your house addressed to somebody named "Occupant."
- The picture on the TV screen has ghosts.
- Strange patterns appear on the ceiling at night.
- Cookies seem to disappear.
- The phone rings, but nobody is on the other end.
- The TV remote control is rarely where you last saw it.
- You're constantly hungry.
- Socks mysteriously disappear in the washing machine.
- Nobody in your house wants to eat liver.



If you've checked more than 10 items, you might want to think about checking out.

TRULY GRIMM TALES

Many of the fairy tales we know have been told for centuries. In the early 1800s, the German brothers Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm collected hundreds of them. Some stories were scarier than the versions told today. Here are the parts that are usually left out.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Illustration by Guy Martone-Graham

A princess pricks her finger on a spinning-wheel spindle and goes to sleep for a hundred years. A handsome prince finds her in the palace, and gives her a kiss that wakes her up. The prince and his well-rested bride live happily ever after.

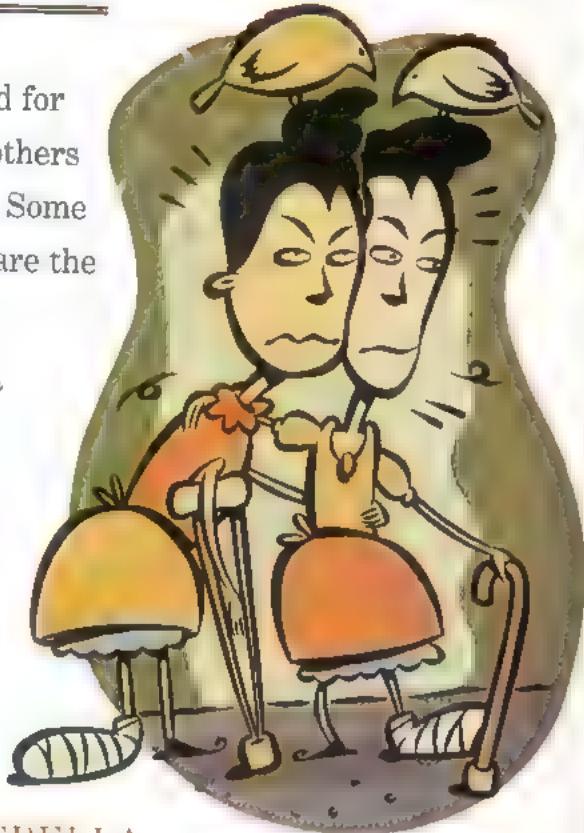
BRIER ROSE

Illustration by Guy Martone-Graham

While the princess sleeps, brier hedges grow to cover the castle. Many brave princes try to break through to save "Brier Rose," but they are caught in the thorny bushes and die a painful death. One special prince finally succeeds.



By Guy Martone-Graham



CINDERELLA

Illustration by Guy Martone-Graham

Cinderella wants to go to the royal ball but she hasn't got a thing to wear. Her fairy godmother appears, gives Cinderella clothes and a coach, but warns her that her outfit will last only until midnight. Cinderella goes to the ball and dances with the prince, but runs off early, leaving a glass slipper behind. The prince searches for the one whose foot fits into the slipper. Every girl tries, including Cinderella's wicked stepsisters, but only Cinderella's foot fits. The prince and his small-footed bride live happily ever after.

CINDERELLA

Illustration by Guy Martone-Graham

Instead of a fairy godmother, a little white bird gives Cinderella her clothes. When the prince comes around, her stepsisters want to fit into the slipper so badly that one stepsister cuts off her own toe to help her foot fit, and the other cuts off her own heel. Later, two pigeons peck out the stepsisters' eyes on Cinderella's wedding day.

SNOW WHITE

The Nice Version

The Queen (Snow White's jealous stepmother) commands a hunter to kill Snow White and return with her heart. He can't bear to kill the girl, so he brings back a boar's heart instead. But the Queen's magic talking mirror tells her that Snow White is alive, living with some dwarves. The Queen, in disguise, goes after her with a poisoned apple. Snow White takes a bite and collapses. She appears to be dead. Later, a prince comes along and kisses her. She wakes up and the prince and his lively bride live happily ever after.

SNOW WHITE

The Grimmer Version

The Queen asks the hunter to bring back Snow White's liver and lungs, rather than her heart. He brings back a boar's liver and lungs, which the Queen eats. The prince finds Snow White, but she doesn't wake up from a kiss. She comes back to life because his servants trip while carrying her glass coffin, and she coughs up a piece of apple. At the big wedding, the Queen must wear a pair of red-hot iron slippers and dance until she falls down dead.



RUMPELSTILTSKIN

The Nice Version

A poor man lies to the king. He says that his daughter can spin straw into gold, so the king locks her in a room to do so. A little man appears and agrees to spin the straw into gold, but demands her firstborn child in return. The king marries the girl, and she becomes queen. When a child is born, the little man comes for it. The little man tells her she can keep her child only if she guesses the man's name. Someone hears him singing a song that reveals his name, and tells the queen. When she guesses the right name, Rumpelstiltskin gets really mad.

RUMPELSTILTSKIN

The Grimmer Version

When the queen guesses Rumpelstiltskin's name, he gets so upset that he rips himself in two.



The World According to Wendell

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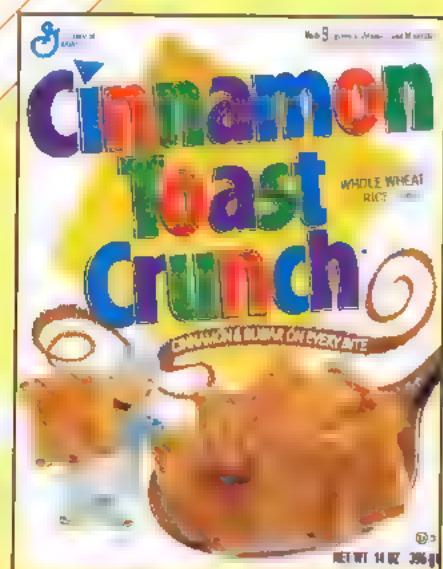
Mt. Cinnamonjaro

"YUM!"
Cinnamon Sugar Pyramids of Egypt

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BY BRIAN KAPLAN

I WALKED WITH AN ATOMIC POTATO ON PROM NIGHT: THE FINAL CHAPTER

Did you ever dream of making your own horror movie? This chart can help you get started.

Pick one phrase from each of the four columns. Then combine them to create the title of your very own creature feature. Soon, you'll be a monster movie master.

| A | B | C | D |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Bride of the | Swamp Thing | of the Corn: | The Next Generation |
| It Came from the | Zucchini Monster | in Dr. Doom's Lab: | Part 26 |
| The Swelling of the | Teen Wolf | on Elm Street: | In 3-D |
| Diary of a(n) | Mummy Zombie | on Prom Night: | The Final Chapter |
| I Married a(n) | Mutant Shopper | in the Woods Wearing a Hockey Mask: | An Experiment in Fear |
| I Walked With a(n) | Beast in the Cellar | and his Vampire Bride: | The Musical |
| Dawn of the | Vampire Slayer | with Bad Breath: | An Afterschool Special |
| Invasion of the | Atomic Potato | from Beyond Outer Space: | In Smell-o-Vision |
| Attack of the Killer | Overflowing Toilet | in Colonial Williamsburg: | 90210 |
| Son of the | Dentist | with Stain-Fighting Formula: | Judgment Day |

I live my life in
Smell-o-Vision



HALLOWEEN HELPERS

Add zing to your trick-or-treating with our Halloween Helpers.

DIRECTIONS: Print your name in the blank, and show this to people when they answer the door.



STATE SUGAR BOARD

As an official inspector for the State Sugar Board, I must have 10 pieces of your sweetest candy for inspection. Thank you for your cooperation!

DIRECTIONS: Carry this with you on Halloween and fill it out. Save it for next year, so you'll know the best places to trick-or-treat.



RATING CARD

Example



Address 1313 Mockingbird Lane
What I got chocolate bar
Rating 
Comments melted

Address

What I got

Rating 

Comments

Address

What I got

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Comments

DIRECTIONS: Slide this underneath someone's door a week before Halloween.



Attention!

DIRECTIONS: Pin this tag on your costume.



Holla!

In case you can't tell,
I am supposed to be a

!

DIRECTIONS: If no one's home on Halloween, leave this card under the door.



Reminder

HALLOWEEN HELPERS

Add zing to your trick-or-treating with our Halloween Helpers.

DIRECTIONS: Slide this underneath someone's door a week before Halloween.



Halloween is only one week away!

For your information, I enjoy

..... your favorite treat

Be sure to stock up now!

I look forward to scaring you!

Thank you,

..... your first name

DIRECTIONS: Pin this tag on your costume.



Boo!



DIRECTIONS: If no one's home on Halloween, leave this card under the door.



GREETINGS. I tried to trick-or-treat at your house, but unfortunately, you weren't in. I'm sorry I missed you, but I'll return on at to collect my treats.

date time

Thank you

DIRECTIONS: Paste your photo in the blank, and show this to people when they answer the door.



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DIRECTIONS: Carry this with you on Halloween and fill it out. Save it for next year, so you'll know the best places to trick-or-treat.



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TAKE THE

Gak™ ATTACK TECHNICKOLOR QUIZ

BESIDES SOLAR GAK™, WHAT CHANGES COLOR IN THE SUN?

- A A WILTED PIECE OF LETTUCE
- B YOUR BIKE SEAT
- C A BANANA
- D YOUR BEST FRIEND'S PET SPIDER
- E A AND C

BY TIMMY

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- A OUCH-THAT HURTS!
- B GET YOUR THUMB OFF MY BRAIN!
- C SBREEOPPF PHUGG BLEECH MLRKFFVS! (WHICH TRANSLATES TO B)



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ANSWER: 16

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1. _____ SUBMARINE
2. A FRUIT AND A JUICE?
3. _____ HOT CHILI PEPPERS
4. _____ BERRY
5. THE COLOR OF GUACAMOLE?
6. SNOW _____
7. _____ PANTHER
8. RHYMES WITH PURPLE AND PURPLE?



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Stop!

By Robert Dinsmoor

OR I'LL SQUIRT!

Most people like a good scare on Halloween, but animals frighten each other every day of the year. They have to scare off creatures who want to eat them, and they also need to defend their territory from members of their own species. How do animals spook each other? And how do they react when they're afraid? We found out...

Bombs Away!

The bombardier beetle (right) scares off its enemies by using sophisticated chemical warfare. With a "pop!" it squirts two different chemicals from its glands. Each chemical alone is harmless, but when they mix, they create an irritating, boiling-hot spray that drives off foes.

HOW THEY SCARE



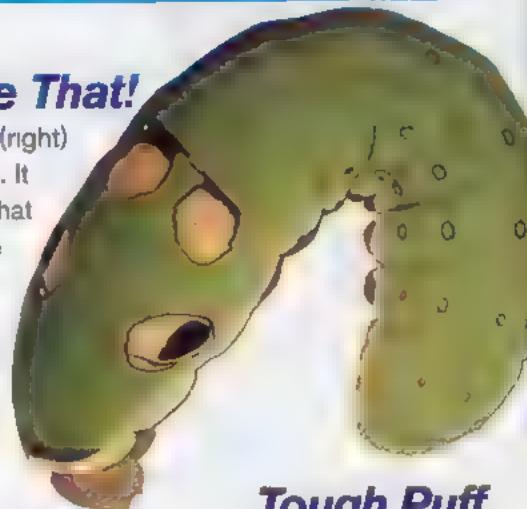
I Play Ruff

The Australian frilled lizard (right) has a long ruff of skin around its neck. It's usually flattened down, but when it senses danger, the ruff opens up like an umbrella, making the lizard look large and threatening, which totally freaks out its attacker.



Don't Look at Me Like That!

The spicebush swallowtail caterpillar (right) has to defend itself from hungry birds. It can tuck its head under its body, so that two spots on its side make it look like the head of a big snake. The caterpillar also has two tiny orange horns behind its real head that smell awful.



Tough Puff

A puffer fish (below) doesn't swim very fast, but then again, it doesn't really need to. When confronted by a possible predator, the puffer fish fills itself with air or water, inflating to three times its normal size. This fake-out makes it look threatening and difficult to swallow.



Stick It To Them

The twig caterpillar (right) actually looks like a twig, and when it senses danger, it acts like one, too. It holds a stiff pose, sticking out from the limb of a tree, just like a real branch. If a predator touches it, the caterpillar falls to the ground and doesn't move.

WHEN THEY'RE SCARED



Want to play fetch?



Don't Blink, Or I'll Stink

Young stinkbugs (above) react to danger just as you'd expect—by getting together and raising a stink. After their mother abandons the nest, they ward off danger by clumping together in a circle around their egg shells. This action intensifies their funky smell and unique color pattern, which lets predators know they should pass by the nasty-tasting insects.



Get The Point?

The hedgehog (left) has quills, similar to those of a porcupine. When attacked, the hedgehog rolls up into a ball so that it's protected by a solid wall of these pointy bristles. This not only protects it, but can also help it get food. For instance, after a snake gets exhausted and injured from trying to attack it, a hedgehog will unravel and eat the snake.



Charge It!

The electric eel (right) can grow to eight feet in length. When threatened, an eel can discharge up to 550 volts of electricity. That's enough to kill a small animal, stun a man, or even knock down a horse.

Playing 'Possums

When the opossum (above) faces danger, its first reaction is to hiss and bare its teeth. If that doesn't work, it simply passes out cold. Most predators will then leave it alone, preferring not to eat an animal they think is dead. Contrary to popular belief, the opossum isn't "playing dead"—the sudden fright throws it into a real state of shock.



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WAYS TO

PLAY FOOTBALL



AMERICAN
FOOTBALL

TRADING CARDS.
AERO-DYNAMIC
RESPONSE
MONSTER
THREE
TEN

YOU NAME IT
THE FIELD'S
NOT ONE
WHY ARE YOU STILL SITTING THERE?
GET OUT
AND PLAY
FOOTBALL!



Scary story contest



Write a scary story, and you could win some spook-tacular prizes. Here's how to enter:

- 1 Write a scary story using the first and last sentences provided below:

First sentence: "Looks like we've run out of gas, Marsha," said John.

Last sentence: ...Or *did* they?

Your entry must be 100 words or less. Be sure to type or print neatly, and please skip lines!

- 2 Mail your entry by October 23, 1995, to:
Scary Story Contest
NICKELODEON MAGAZINE
1515 Broadway, 41st floor
New York, NY 10036

Please include your name, age, address, and phone number. Remember, we cannot return your entry.

My story would
be a bone-chiller



We'll print our favorites in a future issue. Winners will receive Nickelodeon Videos, a Nickelodeon T-shirt, Gak, Floam, and other great Nickelodeon stuff!
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game
has
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incredible 3D
rendered graphics

digitized
characters
and backgrounds

over 80
unbelievable stages

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ROOMS

team up
as Batman
and Robin

battle
holographic
villains

BATMAN FOREVER

THE VIDEO GAME

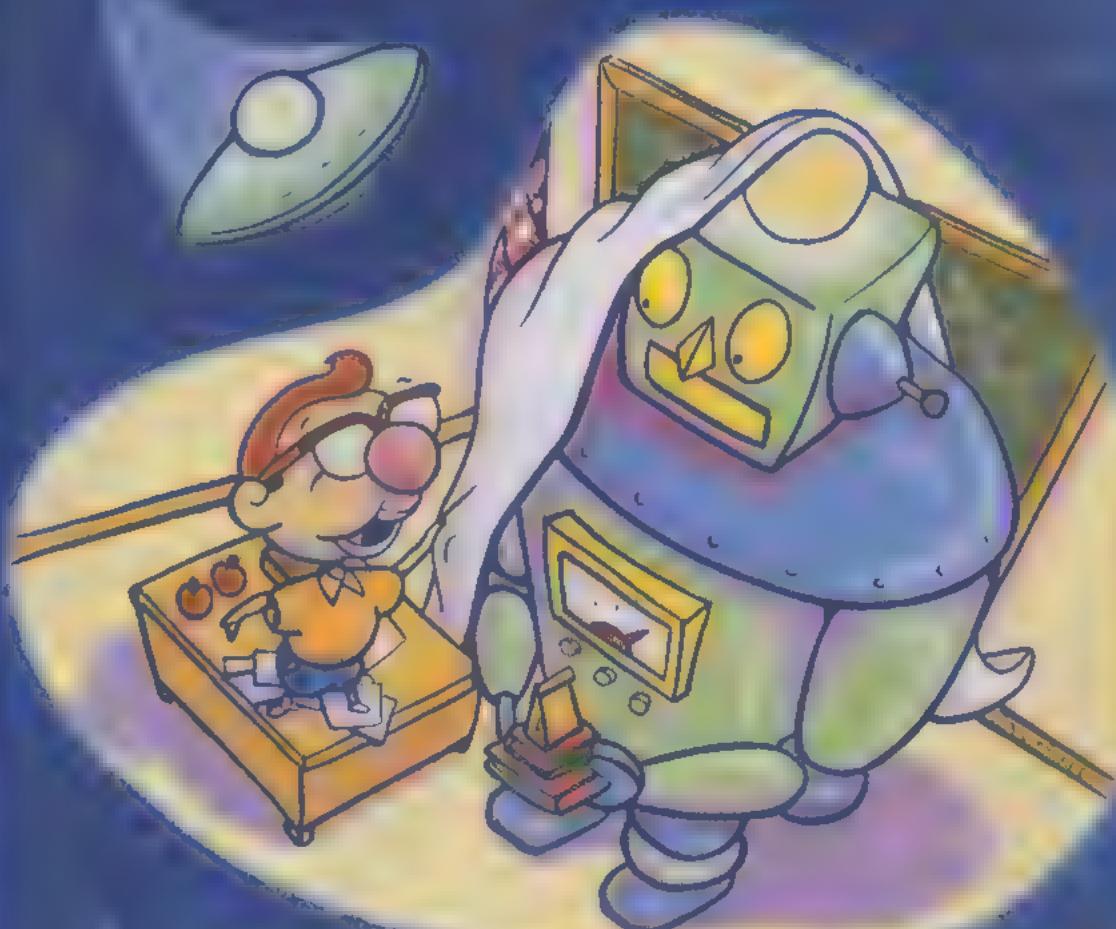
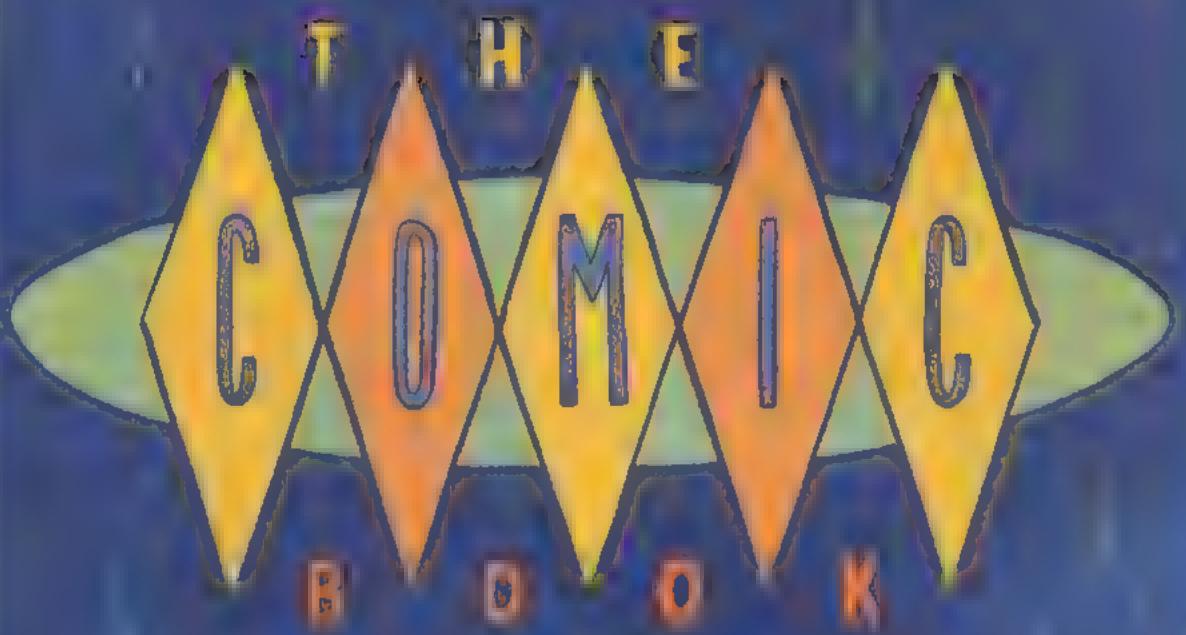
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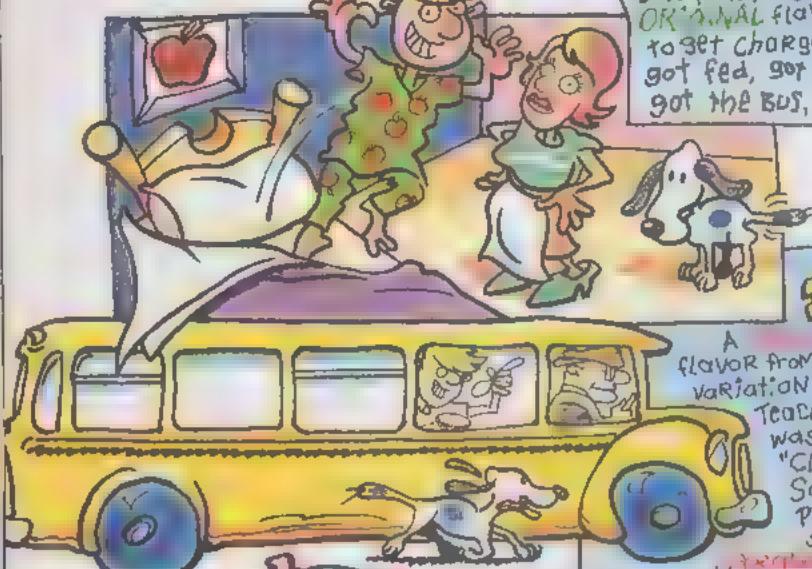


MOTT'S
FUN
COMIX

MANIC MOTT'S DAY

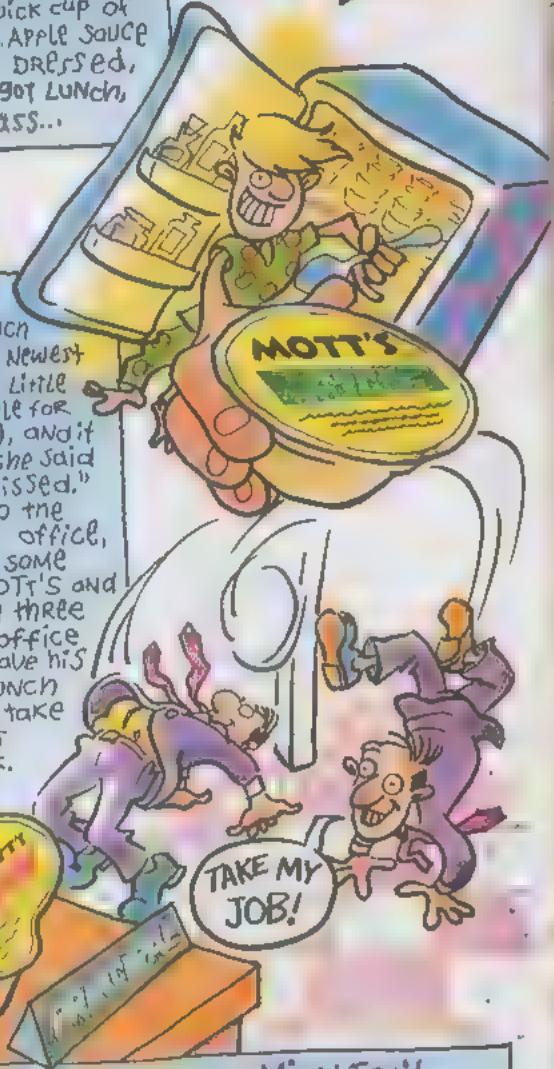
MOTT'S DAY!

MONDAY MORNING, MOM WOKE ME UP AND I COULDN'T GET GOING. SO I DECIDED TO TURN MONDAY INTO MOTT'S DAY. FIRST, I GRABBED A QUICK CUP OF ORANGE FLAVOR MOTT'S APPLE SAUCE TO GET CHARGED UP. GOT DRESSED, GOT FED, GOT BRUSHED, GOT LUNCH, GOT THE BUS, GOT TO CLASS...



I gave Teach the newest flavor from MOTT'S (a little variation on the apple for teacher thing), and it was so good she said "CLASS DISMISSED." So I went to the principal's office, gave him some

MOTT'S and he got so happy, he did three back flips out of the office and told me I could have his job. So I extended lunch time so everybody could take a CINNAMON MOTT'S DESSERT BREAK.



Everything was going well. So I treated myself to a MOTT'S (I'M AN EARTHY KINDA GUY) After School, just to round out the day. I shoveled some Mixed Fruit MOTT'S into my face which gave me just enough energy to PLAN the ALL-DAY Teacher-Student Water Balloon Battle I'D RUN DURING MY SECOND day as PRINCIPAL.

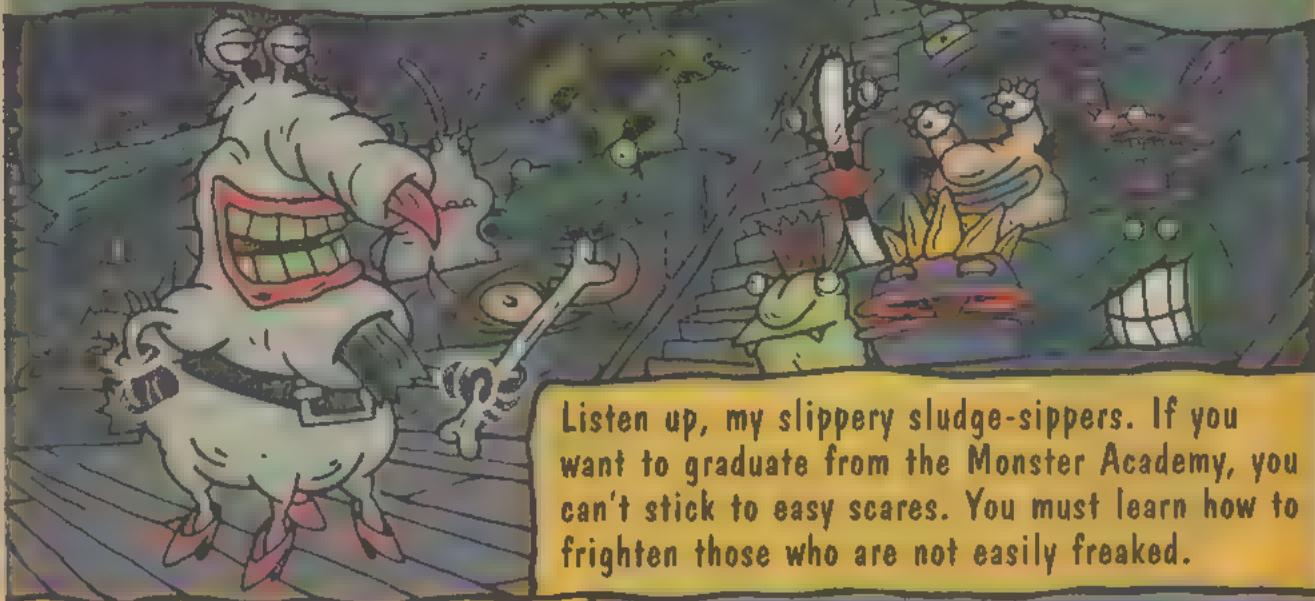
The OuttaControl totally cool ultra-nas-ti-snack-sensation.



**SCENE BUT
NOT HEARD**
BY SAM HENDERSON



The Gromble's Guide to the Gruesome: All Scares Are NOT Created Equal



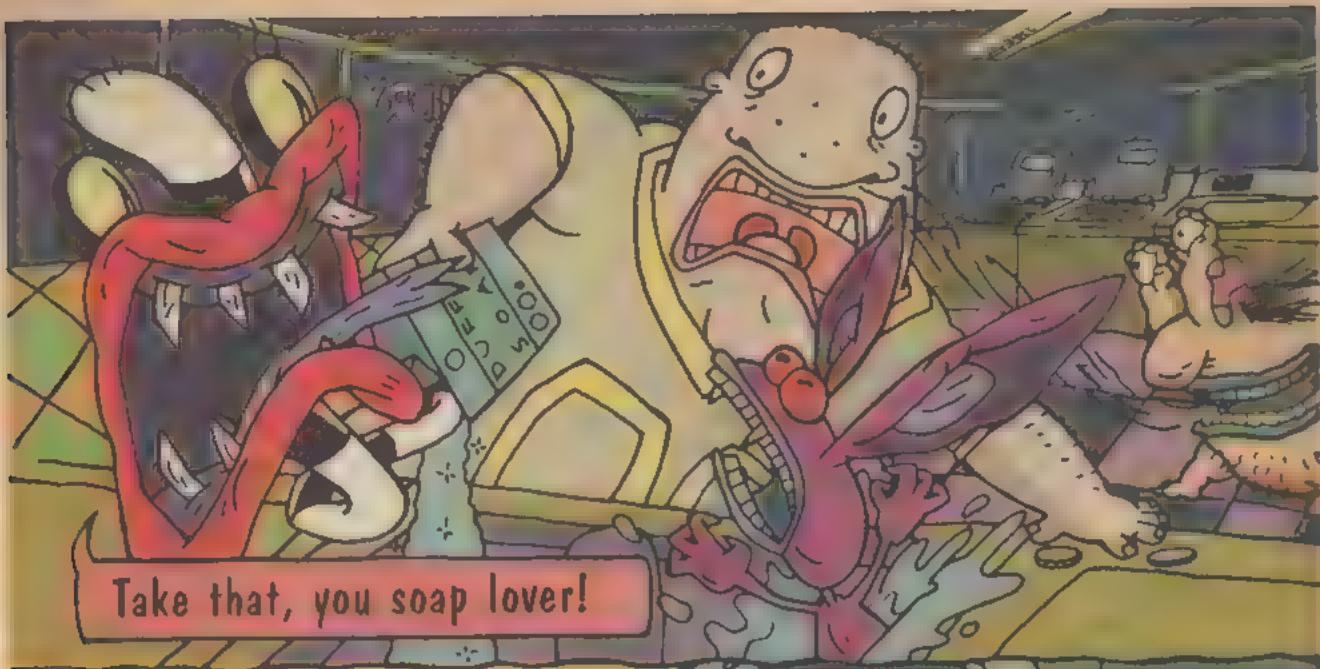
Listen up, my slippery sludge-sippers. If you want to graduate from the Monster Academy, you can't stick to easy scares. You must learn how to frighten those who are not easily freaked.

Freshmen may begin by scaring baby humans. They are nervous and easily spooked.



The average Joe Human is a fine choice for a medium scare, but far from impressive.

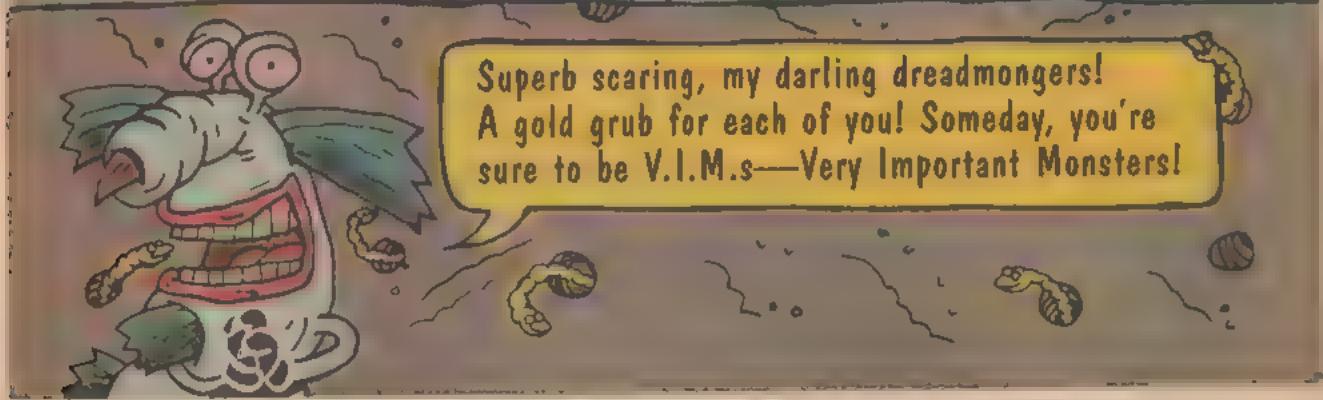




But to graduate with horrors, you must scare the toughest, bravest humans of all: the astronauts!



Superb scaring, my darling dreadmongers!
A gold grub for each of you! Someday, you're
sure to be V.I.M.s—Very Important Monsters!



HOW TO DRAW A

WITH THE CARTOON WORM



START WITH
A CIRCLE.

1.



2.



ADD A FUNNY NOSE,
TWO GOOFY EYES,
TWO EARS,
WEIRD TEETH,
AND SOME HAIR.

3.
GIVE HIM
A BODY.

DON'T
DRAW
ME,
SILLY!

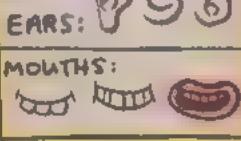
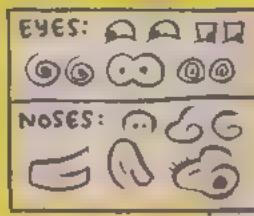


BOY
OR
GIRL.

MAKE IT ROUND.



MORE
HAIR.



4.
ADD ARMS
AND LEGS.



PEAR SHAPE OR HOT DOG.

5.

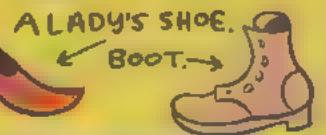
SOME PANTS,
BELT, AND
BUTTONS.

MAN,
IS HE
UGLY!

OR...



ADD
A CAPE, SHORTS,
AND A LETTER
ON HIS CHEST,
AND HE'S A
SUPERHERO.
GIVE HIM A SUPER
POWER, LIKE
INVISIBILITY
(use your eraser
to make him
invisible).



A LADY'S SHOE.



AN ARM IS A
TUBE WITH
FINGERS.



A LEG IS
A TUBE WITH
A SHOE.

EXTRA WORK: DRAW "ZOOT RUMPUS"®

HE'S EASY TO DRAW!

STEP 1.



STEP 2.



STEP 3.



PUT
ME
IN
A
HAPPY
STORY!

CARTOON CHARACTER

By Kaz



HERE ARE
SOME OTHER
SHAPES AND
CHARACTERS
YOU CAN
TRY.



TALL AND
SKINNY.
SHE SHOULD
EAT MORE
PASTA.



LIKE
ME!



THE CUTE
CHARACTER:
BIG HEAD
AND BIG
EYES LIKE
A BABY.
AWWW,
LOOKIE!
HE'S SO
CUTE!



HERE'S A GIRL
MADE OUT OF
BOX SHAPES.

I'M
A
REAL
SQUARE!



THROW IN A WORD
BALLOON. IT MAKES
THEM SEEM
MORE ALIVE!

ANIMALS ARE ALWAYS
FUN TO CARTOON.

REMEMBER:
WHEN DRAWING
EYEBALLS,
ALWAYS DRAW
TWO.

EXCEPT FOR
THESE GUYS.



WHICH
ONE
TODAY?



MAKE
CARTOON CHARACTERS
OUT OF REAL
PEOPLE.

FROM
THIS



TO
THIS



JUST
DON'T
SHOW
THEM.
THEY
MIGHT
GET
MAD!



CREATE YOUR OWN
SUPERHERO BY
MIXING DIFFERENT
PARTS OF OTHER
SUPERHEROES.
WHY NOT? THAT'S
WHAT THE BIG
COMIC BOOK
COMPANIES DO!

X-SPIDER MUTANT MAN.



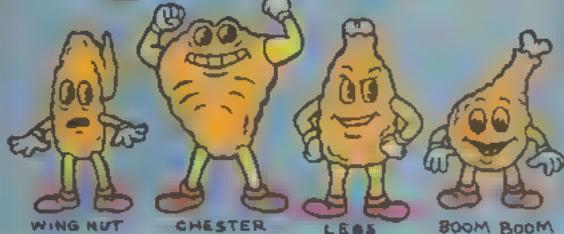
THERE ARE
NO RULES
FOR
CARTOONS.
LOOK AT
THIS
SILLY
THING.

YOUR
ONLY LIMIT
IS YOUR
IMAGINATION.
HAPPY
DRAWING!



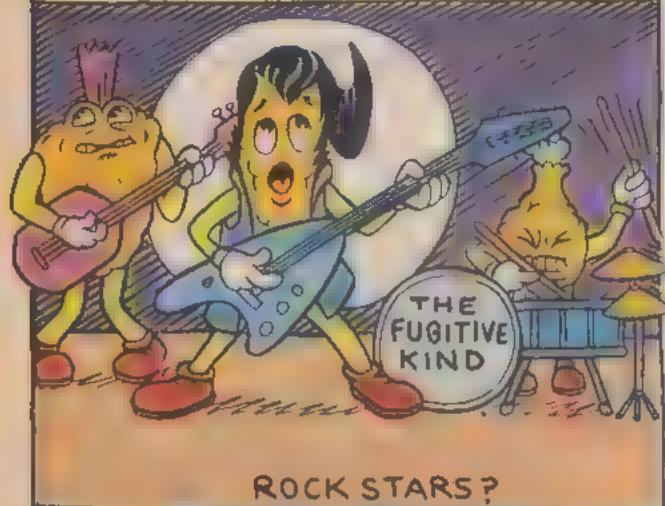
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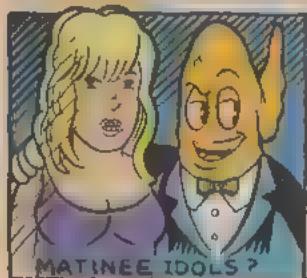
A WING, A BREAST, A THIGH, AND A DRUMSTICK ON THE RUN IN A WORLD THAT HUNGRY FOR THEIR FLESH!

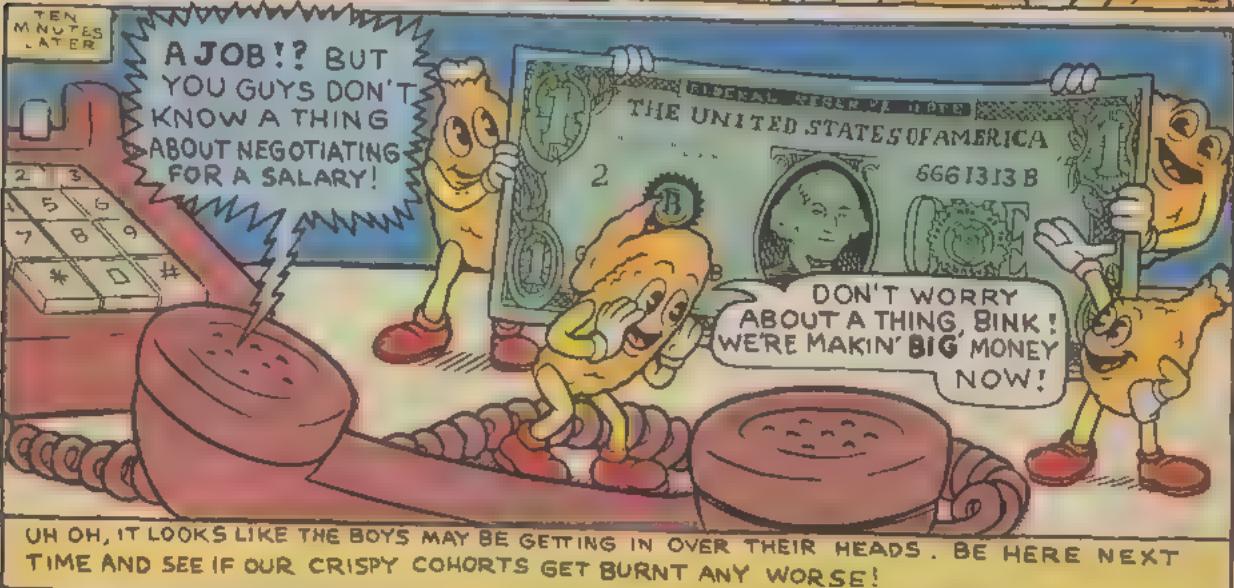
AT THE PHOTO STUDIO, THE SEARCH FOR THEIR "NEW LOOK" BEGINS IN EARNEST...



ROCK STARS?

AS WE LAST LEFT THE BOYS, THEY HAD JUST MET UP WITH ONE FRANKIE FEATHERS, TALENT AGENT, WHO PROMISED THEM FAME AND RICHES IN "THE BIG APPLE" (N.Y. CITY).





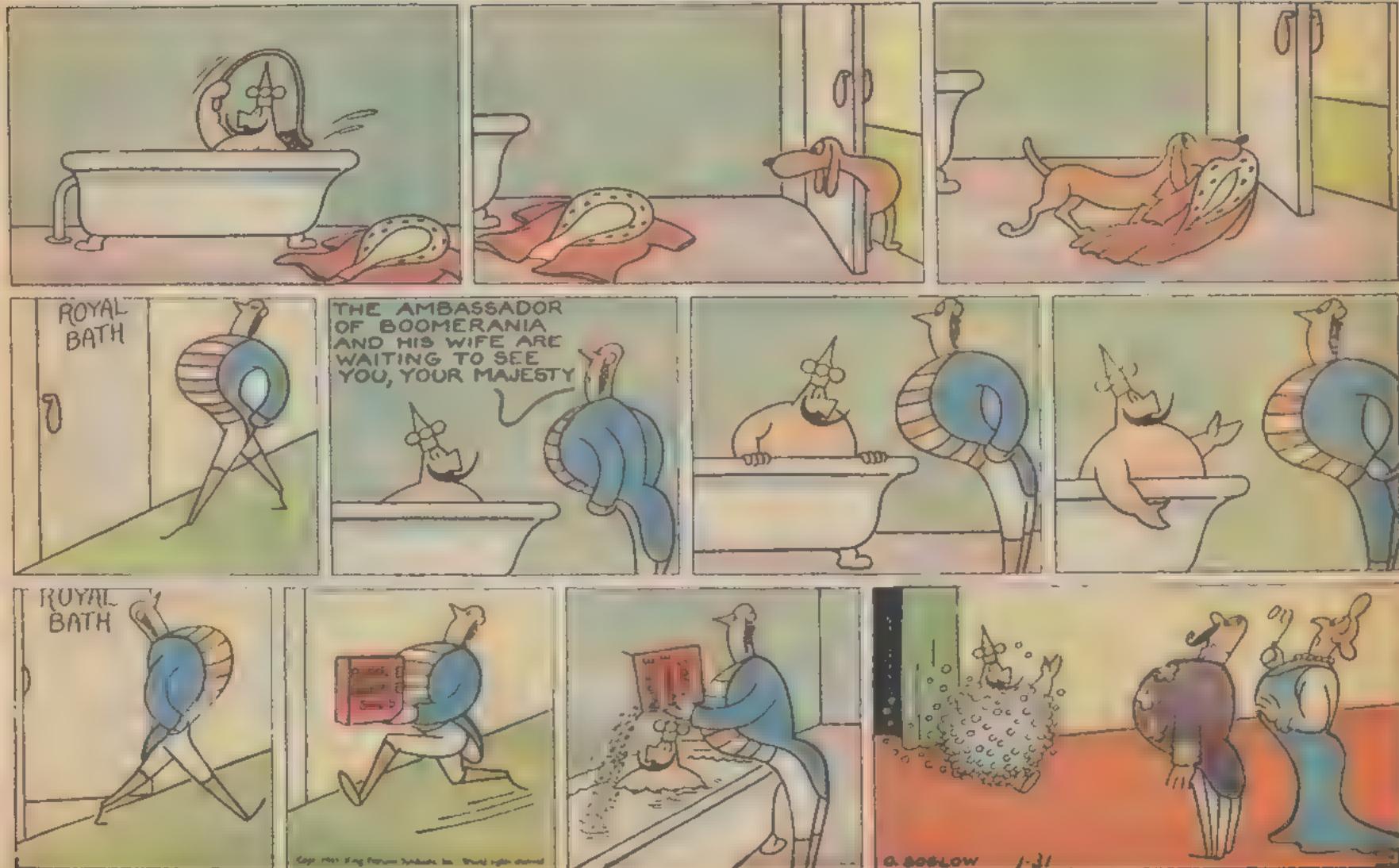
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The Little King, drawn by Otto Soglow, first appeared as a newspaper comic strip on September 9, 1934, and ran for more than 40 years. This strip is from 1943. Before becoming a cartoonist, Soglow had many odd jobs, including painting baby rattles.

The Little King

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THE BIGGEST KIDS' COMPETITION

NICKELODEON BOREDOM BUSTER AND PRANKSTER PACK SWEEPSTAKES

One lucky kid will win a trip for four to Nickelodeon Studios in Orlando, Florida.

It could be you!

ITEMS TO ENTER

Match each riddle with its punchline.
(We did the first one for you.)

Fill in the speech balloons below with the riddle you like best.

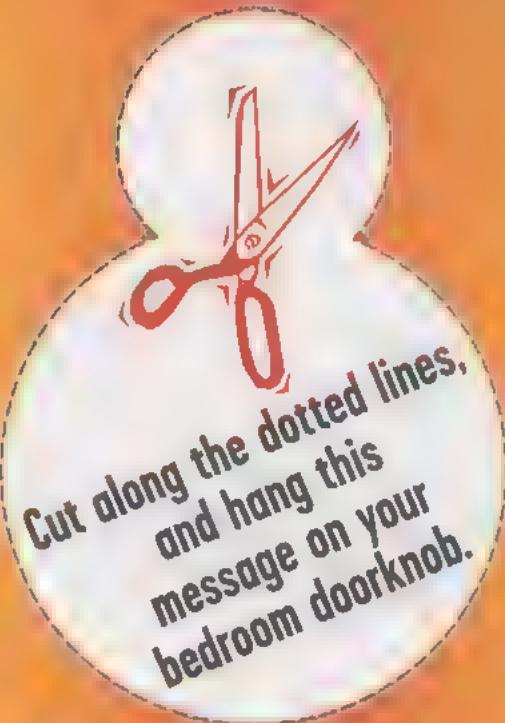
Fill out the entry form on the back of this page, cut it out, and send it to us.

- a. What do you get if you cross a parrot with a gorilla?
- b. What's the best way to catch a squirrel?
- c. What's the difference between a crazy rabbit and a nut?
- d. What do you get if you cross a centipede with a parrot?

- 1. A walkie-talkie.
- 2. One's a mad bunny, and the other is bad money.
- 3. Climb a tree and act like a nut.
- 4. I don't know, but when it talks, you'd better listen.



ANSWERS: A. 4, B. 3, C. 2, D. 1



ENTER AS
YOUR
OWN KIDS
PRANKSTER
INSIDE

Cut along the dotted lines,
and hang this
message on your
bedroom doorknob.



DANGER ZONE

BUSTING BOREDOM inside

ENTER THIS!

After you've completed the riddle fill-in on the other side, fill out the form below. Then send your entry to:

**NICKELODEON BOREDOM BUSTER
AND PRANKSTER PACK SWEEPSTAKES**

P.O. Box 4095

Grand Rapids, MN 55730-4095

One sweepstakes winner will get a trip for four to Nickelodeon Studios in Orlando, Florida. 50 second-prize winners will each receive a Prankster Pack set and a Boredom Buster set.

We must receive your entry by November 14, 1995.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

AGE _____ PHONE _____

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Prankster Pack:**
The sound of your number
party, making notes

**Life WITH
Prankster Pack:**
You keep them
shrieking as you drop
Prankster Pack's
PLASTIC ANTS down
the back of the kid
next to you.

**Life without
Prankster Pack:**

Your parents spend another lazy
eve curled up with a good
book while you do your chores

**Life WITH
Prankster Pack:**
Your parents are so
confused when you cover
their books with Prankster
Pack's **RUDE LABELS** and
TWISTED TITLES, they
don't notice when you
sneak upstairs... without
doing the dishes.

BOREDOM BUSTER™

Tons of projects and games to cut out and create

**Life without
Boredom Buster:**

While passing a note in class, your
teacher intercepts it and reads it
out loud

**LIFE WITH
BOREDOM BUSTER:**
You send notes using
the secret codes from
Boredom Buster's
MESSAGE DECODER
that would confuse
even the CIA!

**Life without
Boredom Buster:**

You sit around biting your nails
waiting for your report card to arrive.

**LIFE WITH
BOREDOM BUSTER:**
FINGERS OF FATE
distracts you (and
your parents!!!) with
hilarious fortunes.





Episode 18

A Little Slice of Pisa

RUFFING IT

Featuring Zelda Van Gutters, NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's Roving Reporter

1

So, the boss says
you'll show me
the ropes.

A cub reporter,
huh? Alright,
let's go.

2

And this is the
Statue of Liberty
— Huh?!?

The what?

Here's a story right
under your snout, kid.
What a monumental
crisis!

3

My mom's waiting for
me in the den. Is
this a good idea?

Bear with me, Teddy.
If the Leaning Tower
of Pisa is in New
York, then...

MEANWHILE

Hey, Rocky, I think
Lady Liberty's getting
seasick — she looks
sort of green.

You fool, she's
always green!

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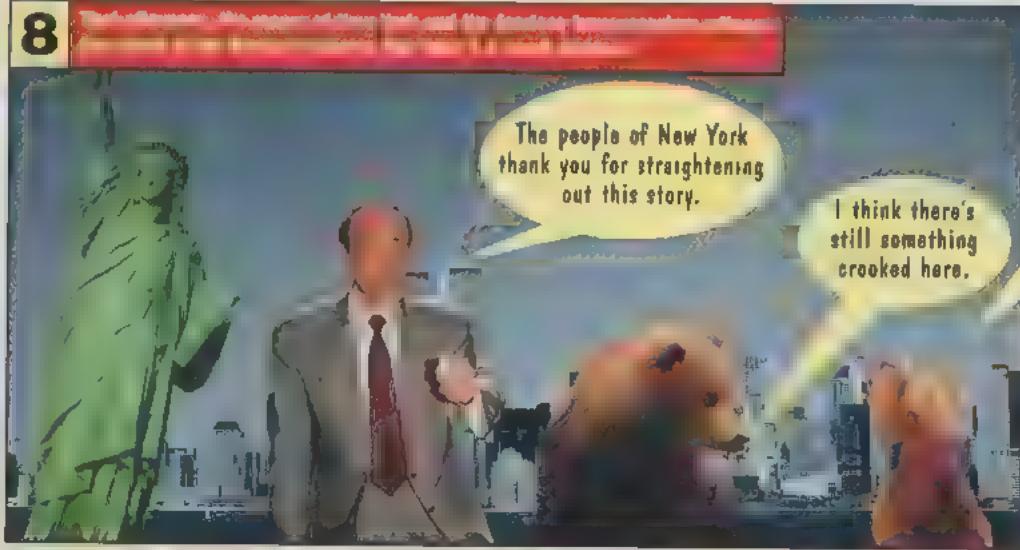
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This adds a whole new angle to the story.





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news

"No Ooze is Bad Ooze"

OCTOBER 1995

The BIG Help



What is The Big Help?

The Big Help is Nickelodeon's campaign to encourage kids to volunteer and make a difference in the world



How can you help big?

Clean up a local park, visit the elderly at a nursing home, organize a food drive—or do just about anything helpful.

Last year, nearly 5 million kids across America pledged more than 31 million hours of volunteer time. Kids did a variety of things to fulfill their promises. Many of them said they enjoyed it so much, they ended up working more hours than they had pledged. Almost everyone said they were inspired to do more volunteer work in their community.

How to be a part of The Big Help

1. Tune in to Nickelodeon on September 30 and October 1 for The Big Help-a-thon. You'll have the opportunity to call a toll-free number and pledge volunteer hours.
2. Get ready for October 21. That's The Big Help Day, when kids will begin to fulfill their pledges by helping out in their communities. Look for volunteering suggestions on Nickelodeon.

Do you need some help?

Here are some suggestions for volunteering:

1. Pick a project that interests you—that way, you can help out and do something you like at the same time. For example, if you are good at math, you could tutor some kids who have a hard time with it; if you like being outside, volunteer to clean up a park.
2. Decide what you want to accomplish, and keep it simple. If you can sum up your goal in one sentence—such as "I want to mow lawns for elderly neighbors"—you're more likely to achieve it.
3. Make a plan. Write down each step involved in your activity.
4. Ask for help. Think about people you know who might want to join in, such as brothers and sisters, parents, teachers, or friends.
5. If you want to get the support of more people, call your local newspaper or TV station and tell them what you're doing. They might do a story about your volunteer work.



If you want more information on how to participate in Nickelodeon's Big Help, write to:

The Big Help
P.O. Box 929
New York, NY 10108

Or if you're on Prodigy: Jump to "big help"

Are You Afraid of the Dark?

Cheryl Family

the show's special effects and stories.

In the episode called "The Tale of the Midnight Ride," a headless horseman travels over a bridge and mysteriously explodes. It's mysterious, until you find out many of the special effects are done with computers.



Look Ma, no head!

To create the image of the horse exploding into thin air, many different images were filmed:

- the bridge alone
- a horse galloping over the bridge
- trees, water, and the bridge, brightly lit
- a fire
- an explosion

These five different shots were loaded onto a computer, where the images were "stacked" on top of one another to create the spooky scene.

FRIGHTENINGLY SIMPLE

"Some of the cooler effects are really very simple," says Steve Kulback, who supervises the show's special effects. "If I want to make an actor disappear, we set the camera down and film him or her sitting at a desk. We don't move the camera. We just turn the camera off, make the actor get out

of the shot, turn the camera back on, and poof—the actor is gone."

To create the effect of a rope coming alive and wrapping around someone, the crew first ties the rope around an actor, and then films the rope being pulled off. The film is then run in reverse, so it looks like the rope is actually spiraling around someone.

NO CLOWNING AROUND

When they're not concocting special effects, the people who work on the show can be found conjuring up scary story ideas. One of the show's creators, D.J. MacHale, says that many story ideas come from classic ghost stories. Other ideas come from what scares the people who work on the show. "The one thing in the world I'm not afraid of is the dark, which is probably why I called the show what I did," laughs MacHale. "But when we had a scene with snakes, I couldn't go in the room. And clowns scare me, too. In one episode, when the actor put on the clown make-up, my palms started sweating."



See your dentist twice a year.



Are you afraid of this ghost?



Clowns are no laughing matter.

A Recipe For

FEAR

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE asked *Are You Afraid of the Dark?* make-up artist Annick Chartier to let us in on some of her secrets. Here are three of Annick's creepy concoctions that you can mix up in your own kitchen. 

BLOOD

Dribble it down your arm, or out of your mouth for a ghoulish look. Be careful where you make this, because food colorings stain. If the blood gets onto something, be sure and rinse the area with water immediately! It will wash off your skin with soap and water.

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 tablespoons water
- 65 drops of red food coloring (or a bit more if needed)
- 10 drops of yellow food coloring
- 2 drops of blue food coloring
- 5 1/2 tablespoons corn syrup
- Optional: food flavoring, such as vanilla or orange

Directions

1. Mix all the food coloring and water together.
2. Slowly add the corn syrup, until a blood-like consistency is reached. Test it by letting the liquid run down your arm.
3. If you're using the blood near your mouth, add the food flavoring.



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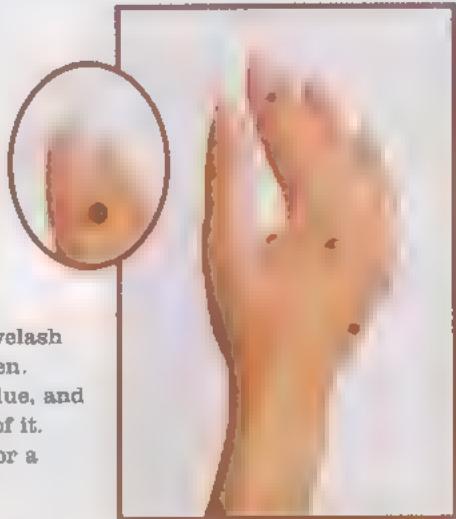
HAIRY WARTS

Ingredients

- Peppercorns
- Corn syrup or eyelash glue
- A few short pieces of hair cut from a paintbrush, or bristles cut from a broom
- Non-toxic water colors

Directions

1. Apply a peppercorn to your hands or face, using the corn syrup or eyelash glue. Hold very still for a minute or two to let the syrup or glue stiffen.
2. Dip one end of the hairs from the paintbrush/broom in the syrup or glue, and put them on the peppercorn, so it looks as if the hair is growing out of it.
3. Dab brown, red, or even green and yellow paint on the peppercorns for a truly ghastly look. Let dry.



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SCABBY SKIN

Ingredients

- Cornmeal
- Corn syrup
- Water colors, or any available make-up (Reds and browns work best.)
- Powdered gelatin (With an adult's supervision, follow the instructions on the box to turn it into a liquid. Be sure it's cool, but still liquid, before you use it.)

Directions

1. Apply a thin coat of corn syrup to the skin in the shape you want the scab to be.
2. Cover the corn syrup with a thick coating of cornmeal. Let it sit for a minute or two, then carefully tap off the excess cornmeal.
3. Color the cornmeal with paints or make-up. This will make the area look really scabby.
4. Using a paintbrush, apply the cooled gelatin liquid gently over and around the scab. Let it dry. (The color from these scabs can come off fairly easily onto your clothes, or your parents' favorite couch—so be careful!)



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Ask The Boss Lady

What was your best Halloween costume?
An angel costume. My sisters were angels, too, and my brother was a Wise Man. My mom made us have our picture taken, and used it for a Christmas card. All my friends laughed because they knew that my sisters and I weren't exactly angels.

What kind of candy do you give out at your house on Halloween?

I try to find unusual things to give away, like plastic spider rings, or other creepy things. I also give chocolate candy. (That's what I like best.)

Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Geraldine B. Laybourne, anything you want.

Do you have any questions about smells, good or bad, for the Boss Lady? She'll answer some in a future issue. Send them to:

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Programming Highlights

The New Season: New episodes of some Nickelodeon shows air on Saturdays during SNICK in October.

October 7: Premieres of *All That*, *The Ren and Stimpy Show*, and *Are You Afraid of the Dark?*

October 14: Two new episodes of *The Secret World of Alex Mack* at 8 and 9 PM.

October 28: Premiere of *AAAHH!!! Real Monsters*

A Boo-tiful Day: On Saturday, **October 28**, watch spooky episodes of *The Adventures of Pete and Pete*. See *Yo!*

Shorts, and *Beetlejuice* from 2-10 PM, and an *Alex Mack* Halloween special at 8 PM.

A Scary Toon: On Tuesday **October 31**, Halloween episodes of the Nicktoons air from 3-5 PM, and an *AAAHH!!! Real Monsters* mini-marathon airs from 5-8 PM.

All times are for Eastern and Pacific time zones. Shows air one hour earlier in the Central time zone.

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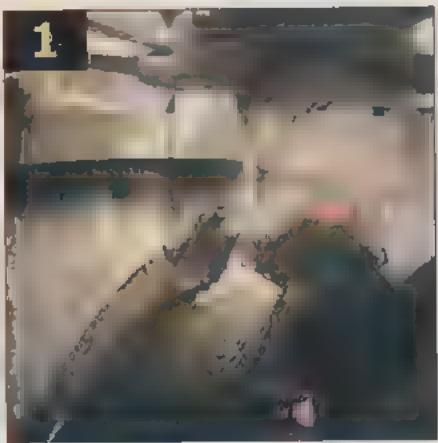
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THE CORNY TRUTH

How Candy Corn is Made



Halloween wouldn't be the same without candy corn. In fact, 20 million pounds of it are sold at Halloween. NICKELODEON MAGAZINE visited the Herman Goelitz Candy Co. factory in Fairfield, California, to see how it's made.



The ingredients (sugar, water, and corn syrup) are mixed in large vats to create what is known as a slurry.



The slurry is then whipped into a fondant, which is very similar to the icing on a cake. Butter and vanilla flavorings are also added.



Marshmallow is poured into the mixture to make it look and taste creamier.



The batch is divided into three separate parts and dyed orange, yellow, and white.



The colors of the candy are then tested to make sure all the candy corn made at the factory will look the same.



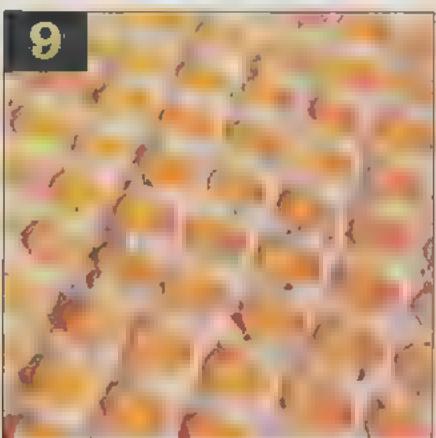
Gravity pulls the mixture into hoppers, like this one, which are on the floor below.



7 Candy corn molds are pressed into trays filled with a corn starch mixture. The corn starch makes the candy hold its shape.



8 The trays are placed on a conveyor belt and filled with the candy which is still in a liquid form. First a white tip, then the orange middle, and finally, the yellow bottom are injected into the molds.



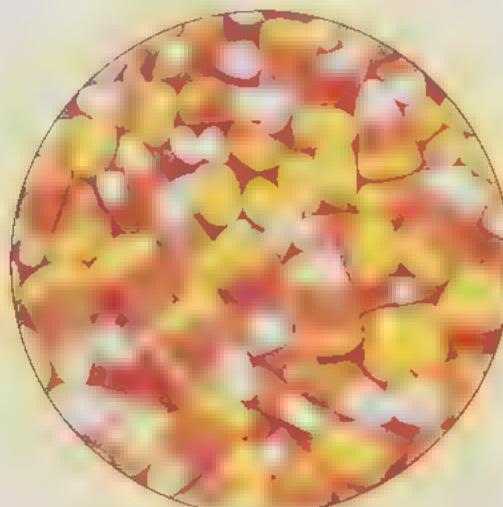
9 The liquid quickly solidifies in the molds and becomes candy corn. The factory produces 37,350 pieces of candy corn per minute!



10 The trays are stacked on top of one another, and taken to the drying room to harden overnight.



11 After the candy is popped out of the tray, and the corn starch falls away, the candy corn is placed in a rotating drum. Lac glaze is added to protect it from damage (Lac is a safe, natural product made from the secretions of an insect from Southern Asia) This glaze is also known as confectioner's glaze, and is used in all sorts of candy.



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You're ^R Out! (Of Style)

By Andrew Santella

Ever wonder why baseball teams dress the way they do? Well, for one thing, you can't play baseball without any clothes on. There are rules against that.

But over the years, some team uniforms were so bad that no uniform at all might have been an improvement. Here's a look at baseball's all-time worst-dressed list.

← 1976 Chicago White Sox

The White Sox were the first team to wear Bermuda shorts, but the look lasted only one game. Fans didn't like it, and neither did the players, who scraped a few knees trying to slide. No team has worn shorts since.



1936 Cincinnati Reds

In the 1930s, when baseball teams started playing at night, the Reds introduced bold colors that would look good under the lights. Their uniform included bright red pants, and they called it the Palm Beach look. It was soon washed up.

1906 New York Giants

The prize for poor sportsmanship in uniform design goes to the Giants, who decided to advertise their 1905 World Championship on the front of their jerseys for the entire 1906 season. Instead of the team's name, the shirts read "World's Champions." When they failed to win the pennant that year, they had to return to their old, more humble look.



← 1978 San Diego Padres

These brown and gold uniforms looked a little too much like the outfit of a burger-flipper at a fast-food restaurant. Fans who didn't like this look didn't have to wait long for another; the team changed their uniform again the next season.





← 1975 Cleveland Indians

Over the years, the Indians have had some great uniforms. This was not one of them. For three seasons, the team sometimes wore red shirts and red pants at away games, perhaps trying to scare other teams into thinking they were battling giant tomatoes.



← 1963 Kansas City A's

It may not look radical now, but this green-and-gold look shook up some baseball uniform traditions. Before this, most teams wore only gray or white. But the colorful A's didn't stop here—later they added yellow socks and white shoes. They kept the style after they moved to Oakland. When they started winning championships in the early 1970s, suddenly they didn't look so weird.

1975 Houston Astros

This out-of-this-world look included a star on the front, a sun on the back, and orange stripes. It may be the spaciest uniform of all time.

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go on strike.

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Face To Face

Take a good look at the girl on the left. She grew up to be one of the famous ^R women on the right. Can you guess which one she is? Answer on page 59.



Sandra Bullock
actress



Demi Moore
actress



Fran Drescher
actress



I'm QZ, and I'm from the planet Zittiz. I know everything under, over, and inside the sun. So ask me a question, and I'll give you a real down-to-Earth answer.

Dear QZ:

Did you see Apollo 13 while it was in space? What games do you like to play on your planet?

*Jonti S.
Mt. Pleasant,
South Carolina*

Jonti:

I saw *Apollo 13* at my neighborhood theater. As for games, I like to play Pin-the-Tail-on-the-Comet.

Dear QZ:

Are you good friends with Zelda Van Gutters, your co-worker?

*Quinn L.
Penn Yan, New York*

Quinn:

The magazine has arranged it so that the Furry One and Ol' Three Eyes have never met. They're afraid she might think I'm the universe's biggest squeaky toy, and chew on me.

Dear QZ:

Have you ever gotten a manicure?

*Kelli G.
Penn Yan, New York*

Kelli:

You've got me nailed on that question. (Hey, Kelli and Quinn, isn't there anything better to do in Penn Yan than write me?)

Dear QZ:

Is your vision 20/20/20?

*Kelli T.
Aiea, Hawaii*

Kelli:

My vision is so good that I can see you're making fun of my three eyes. Do I make fun of the two I's in Hawaii?

Do you have a question for QZ?

Write to: Ask QZ, NICKELODEON MAGAZINE, 1515 Broadway, 41st floor, New York, NY 10036.

Sorry, but the space-time continuum prevents QZ from personally answering every letter.

The Morticians are Coming!

by Stacey Bowers

In this season of tricks, here are
a few all-time classic hoaxes.

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JUMBO BUGS

"Giant Grasshoppers Invade Butts Orchard East of City." That was the headline on September 9, 1937, in the Tomah, Wisconsin, *Journal*. The story said that three-foot-tall grasshoppers were hopping around a local apple orchard. They were so big, the paper reported, they were snapping off tree limbs. Photographs showed men hunting them with shotguns. It is believed that A. L. Butts, a local farmer, and B. J. Fuller, the newspaper's editor, made up the story. Careful readers noticed that the last paragraph suggested the story was fake.

THE SUN.

LIFE ON THE MOON

In 1835, many people read that flying, human-like creatures had been discovered on the moon. Richard Adams Locke wrote in *The New York Sun* that a British astronomer, using a powerful telescope, had spotted the four-foot-tall creatures. Thousands of people believed the stories. Missionary societies even wanted to travel to the moon to convert the aliens. Finally, Locke admitted he had made it all up.

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[Continued from yesterday's Sun.]

BUG EYES
A.L. Butts and friend in
a trick photograph.

What a numbskull.



TO BE OR NOT TO BE?
A model of the skull
Dawson made.



SKULLDUGGERY

When Charles Dawson discovered pieces of a skull in 1911 in Piltdown, England, scientists went wild. After they put the pieces together, the skull was like a modern human's, but the jaw was ape-like. This made some scientists think that a missing link between humans and apes had been found. The news was so important that scientific texts were rewritten, and museums updated their displays to include the Piltdown Man, as he was called.

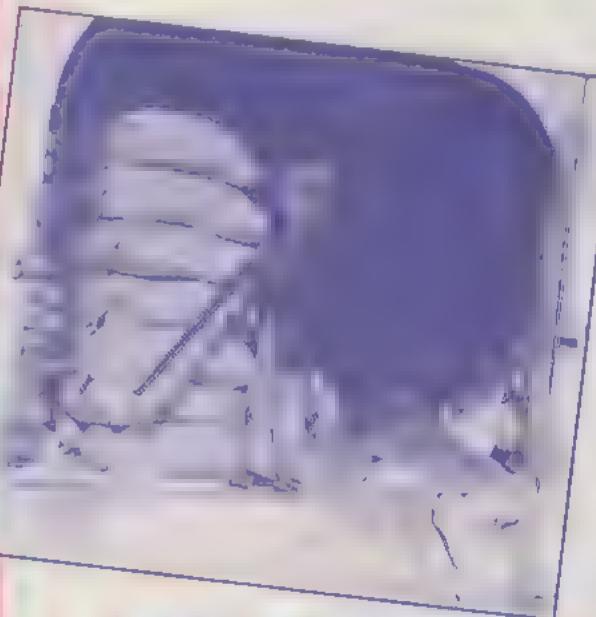
People believed that the Piltdown Man was real until 42 years later, when two men proved that the skull and the jaw were from two different time periods. Also, although the skull was human, the jawbone was from an orangutan. Dawson had tricked people. He had filed the teeth to make them look human. He then aged the bones chemically, buried them in a gravel pit near Piltdown, and pretended to discover them.

STRANGE FEET

Beginning in 1928, hikers began finding large, mysterious footprints in the woods of Mount St. Helens, in the state of Washington. People believed they were made by Bigfoot, the legendary hairy beast. In 1982, an 86-year-old man named Rant Mullens claimed he had been making the tracks by using a big pair of wooden feet he had carved. After strapping them to his shoes, Mullens ran through the forest, leaving the jumbo footprints behind.

ALIEN ATTACK!

On Halloween eve in 1938, panic swept across America when millions of people heard a CBS radio newscast that said Martians were attacking Earth. In fact, it was only a radio drama based on an H. G. Wells story, "The War of the Worlds." Listeners were told three times during the broadcast that the story was not true, but that didn't help. In New York City, people ran through the streets trying to escape the Martians they believed were about to arrive. Farmers who lived near Grovers Mill, New Jersey, where the Martians were supposed to have landed, rushed out with guns to shoot the aliens.



DON'T SHOOT
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THE GLOW OF
THEIR EYES!
Guarding Grovers
Mill from little
green men (left).
TUNED IN: Orson
Welles (far left),
the voice behind
the Martian
invasion, during
the broadcast.

REALLY SCREWED

On April 1, 1985, *Sports Illustrated* magazine reported that the New York Mets had discovered a new pitcher who could throw a 168-mile-per-hour fastball. (Until then, the fastest pitch ever recorded was 103 mph.) The story also said that the amazing player, named Sidd Finch, was born in England and wanted to be a French horn player. Finch also spoke Sanskrit, and wore a hiking boot on his right foot when he pitched. He seemed too good to be true. Many readers believed the story, but two weeks later *Sports Illustrated* announced that it was an April Fool's joke by writer George Plimpton, and that Sidd Finch never existed.

HERE'S THE
PITCH Sidd
Finch as he
appeared in
*Sports
Illustrated*.



Whatever You Want

Say What?

From the June/July issue:

We asked you to tell us what the three people in the photo were thinking and saying. Here are our favorite entries:

Man: Hey! We're in my iced tea!

Woman in boat: Help me out of this lemon

Other woman: I have shrunk them, but I've shrunk, too! This is impossible!

Alfredo B., age 10
Chicago, Illinois

Man: I don't care. I will prove that I can win!

Woman in boat: I think this staring contest has gone too far

Other woman: Let's get moving! The tide will go out!

Drew K., age 10
Clifton, New Jersey

Man: See, I told you this hollowed-out banana would work.

Woman in boat: Yes, but do you think Mr. Kong will mind?

Other woman: Hmm, should I tell them a 50-foot-tall gorilla is coming this way?

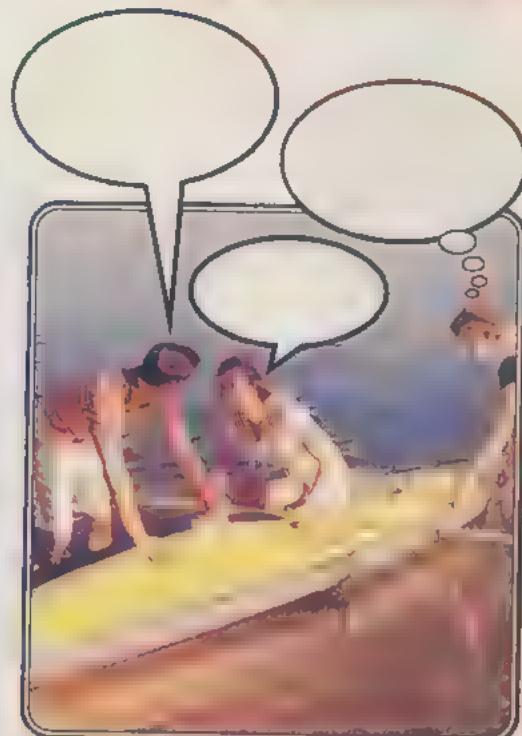
Tommy N., age 12
Pomona, New York

Man: Your lemon meringue pie makes a great boat.

Woman in boat: You're right. I'm glad my crust is thick. I wouldn't want to fall through a soggy crust.

Other woman: Uh-oh! The crust is soggy

Jennifer R., age 10
Manville, New Jersey



Design-a-Ride Contest Results

From the June/July issue:

We asked you to design an amusement park ride. Here are our winners and honorable mentions. The three winners each received Nickelodeon Videos, Gak, Floam, a T-shirt, and other great Nickelodeon stuff.

WINNERS



The Hot Dog Factory

The ride where *you* are the hot dog!

There are five buns on the ride.

1. You get strapped into a big bun that sits on a conveyor belt.

2. You get squirted with ketchup and mustard.

3. You get dumped with sauerkraut.

4. You get dumped with pickle relish. When you get off, the bun travels back to the beginning, so another person can get on. It's fantastic! And everything washes out.

Sarah L., age 11
Pearl River, New York

The Giant-Size Figure Skate

It stands 16 feet tall and spins around on a giant ice-skating rink. If you can't stand the spinning, then you will hate this ride when it jumps in the air and spins three times. People can rent skates and skate around the giant skate. Holds up to three people comfortably.

Chantel C., age 11
Laguna Beach, California



1. You get on a roller-coaster-like cart. Then you enter a room, and your aunt comes in and says, "Oh, you are getting so BIG!" She is, of course, a robot.

2. You go up on the track and straight down. Then you're in a room with a door labeled "Bathroom." A child's voice says, "Uncle Louis!" and you hear a scratchy voice from the bathroom saying, "I'll be out in a minutel."

3. You go up again and enter a room where there's a man wearing a tacky jacket. He says (with open arms), "Aren't you gonna say hi to Uncle Skippy? How does this jacket look?"

4. You go down into Grandma's bedroom. Granny is knitting some booties and tells you, "Watch out or I'll get you with this needle. Ha, ha, ha!"

5. You go up again and it looks like you're outdoors. All your relatives are there and they say, "Oh, he looks so CUTE!" Then you drop straight down and you land back on the track which takes you out.

Shannon B., age 11
Willard, Missouri

WINNERS

HONORABLE MENTIONS

The Yo-Yo

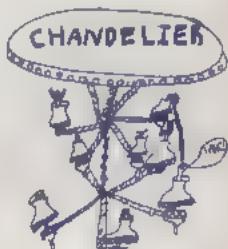
The Yo-Yo is a ride in which people sit, strapped securely in a sphere. A retractable pole is attached to the sphere on one end and the finger of a giant hand on the other. The pole moves like the string moves on a yo-yo. The sphere goes up and down, around in a circle, and straight out. The ride also does yo-yo tricks such as Walking the Dog and Around the World.

Titilola S., age 14
East Orange, New Jersey

Stuck in a Chandelier

It's like a Tilt-A-Whirl, but shaped like a chandelier. At night, it lights up. It goes really fast, but won't give you whiplash.

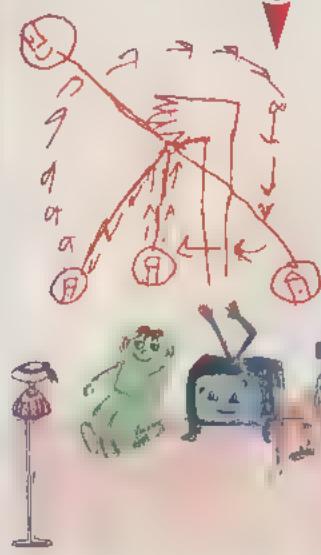
Lauren H., age 9
Hartland, Wisconsin



The Anthropomorphic House

My amusement park ride is an anthropomorphic house, a house in which everything has a life of its own. All the appliances and furniture are controlled by a remote control (which is also alive).

Anna S., age 13
Champaign, Illinois



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Whatever We Want (page 4)

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Face To Face (page 51)

The girl in the picture is Fran Drescher.

She's a good Drescher.



goof troupe



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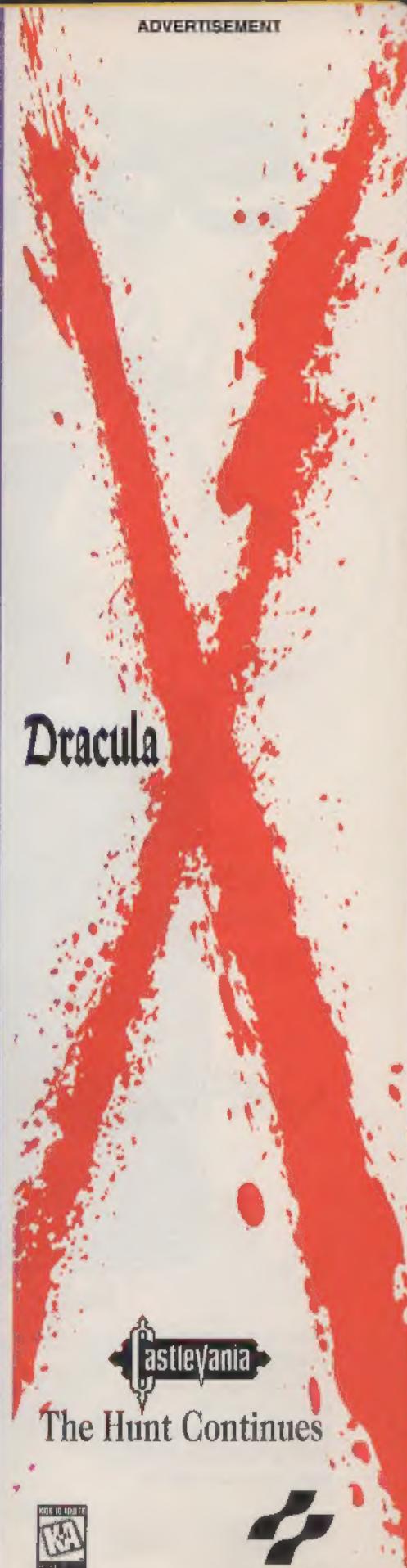
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Spook
you later.

So there I was first time
on the highest of high dives,
my friends hangin' out down below.
Boy was I Nervous.



I mean I didn't want to end
up being pool-side pizza.

Then
Cap'n Crunch shows up
with my favorite cereal,

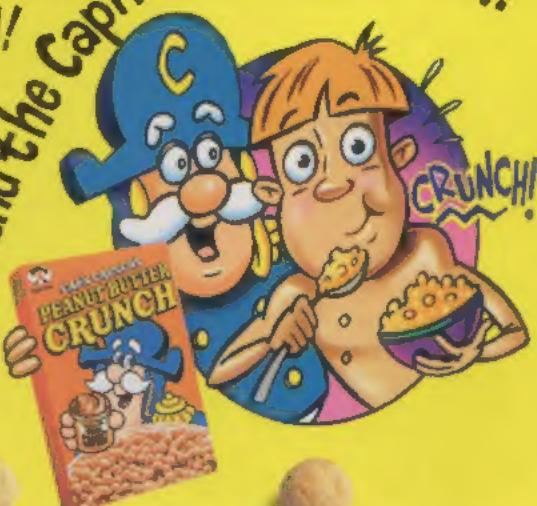
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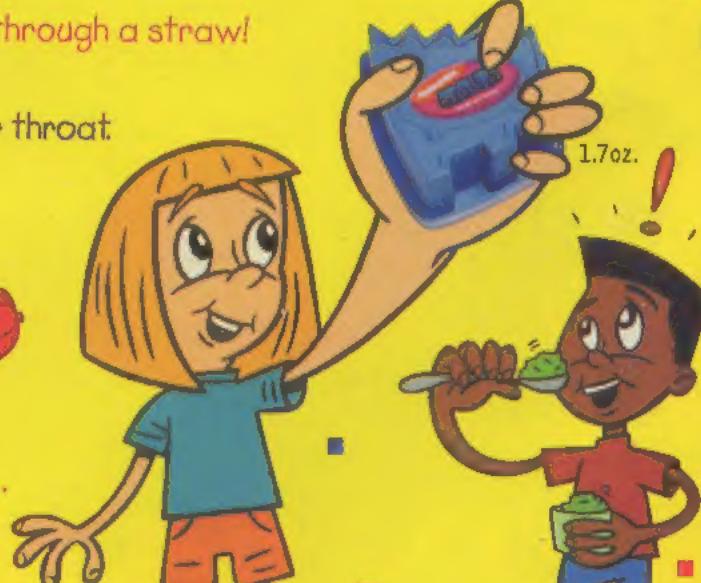


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